

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for generating fictitious computer file system content, comprising:

creating a plurality of templates;

providing a collection of data items available to be inserted into the templates;

selecting one or more of said templates; and

for each template selected:

automatically selecting at least one data item from the collection; and

populating the template with the at least one data item from the collection[.];

wherein the fictitious computer file system content is suitable for use in a deception environment to be presented to an intruder for the purpose of leading the intruder to believe that the intruder has successfully gained access to a system the intruder is targeting.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the collection of data items comprises one or more names.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the collection of data items comprises one or more dates.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ at least one template is an e-mail message requiring at least one item of data to be complete.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ at least one template is a word processing document requiring at least one item of data to be complete.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ at least one template is a spreadsheet requiring at least one item of data to be complete.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein for at least one selected template the step of populating comprises receiving a number from a random number generator.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the random number generator is a pseudo random number generator.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the pseudo random number generator employs a unique key to generate numbers.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein for at least one selected template the step of populating comprises correlating a random number to an item of data in the collection.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein for at least one selected template the step of populating comprises inserting an item of data into the template.
12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising including at least one spelling error in ~~the~~ at least one template.
13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising altering ~~the~~ at least one populated template to introduce at least one spelling error.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein a random number is used to determine what the at least spelling error will be.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising introducing at least one grammatical error into ~~the~~ at least one populated template.
16. (Canceled)
17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~further comprising selecting data items in the collection to populate the template based at least in part on the relative probability of occurrence of each data item.~~ wherein for at least one selected template, selecting the at least one data item is based at least in part on the relative probability of occurrence of the at least one data item.
18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~further comprising selecting data items in the collection to populate the template as a function of (1) a random number and (2) the relative probability of occurrence of each data item.~~ wherein for at least one selected template, selecting the at least one data item is a function of (1) a random number and (2) the relative probability of occurrence of the at least one data item.
19. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein a pseudo random number generator provides the random number.
20. (Canceled)
21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[20]]~~ 1, further comprising associating a probability of occurrence with each template and wherein ~~the step of selecting comprises~~ selecting one or more of said templates is based at least in part on the associated probability of occurrence.
22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ at least one template requires that at least two items of data be compatible with one another.
23. (Currently Amended) A system for generating fictitious computer file system content, comprising:

a computer configured to: ~~populate a template with at least one data item from a collection of data items available to be inserted into the template; and~~

select one or more of a plurality of templates; and

for each template selected:

automatically select at least one data item from a collection of data items available to be inserted into the template; and

populate the template with the at least one data item from the collection; and

a database configured to store the collection;

wherein the computer includes memory configured to store the populated templates in a file system[[]] and the fictitious computer file system content is suitable for use in a deception environment to be presented to an intruder for the purpose of leading the intruder to believe that the intruder has successfully gained access to a system the intruder is targeting.

24. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for generating fictitious file system content for a computer, the computer program product being embodied in a computer readable medium and comprising computer instructions for:

~~retrieving a template;~~

~~accessing a collection of data items available to be inserted into the template; and~~

~~populating the template with at least one data item from the collection.~~

selecting one or more of a plurality of templates; and

for each template selected:

automatically selecting at least one data item from a collection of data items available to be inserted into the template; and

populating the template with the at least one data item from the collection;

wherein the fictitious computer file system content is suitable for use in a deception environment to be presented to an intruder for the purpose of leading the intruder to believe that the intruder has successfully gained access to a system the intruder is targeting.

25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the collection includes at least one data item that is not fictitious.

26. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the deception environment is on a server.

27. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the deception environment is on a PC.

28. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the deception environment is part of a trap system.